

December 15, 2015



GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
PHYSICAL SUICIDE DETERRENT SYSTEM
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT: BHLS-6003(051)
and
WIND RETROFIT
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT: BHLS-6003(052)

Contract No. 2016-B-1

To: Prospective Bidders

RE: **Response to Bidders' Questions No. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following are the responses to questions submitted by prospective bidders and designated as Bid Questions No. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26:

BID QUESTION No. 19:

Following up on the response to question 8, what are Section 7 or Exhibits C and D to the Non-Disclosure Agreement for Release of Security Sensitive Information for Bidding Purposes for? It seems that the agreement is set up so that third party contractors can essentially be distributed copies under the agreement of a Primary contractor. So Exhibit C lists various third party companies that can be included under the primary agreement and Exhibit D lists the controlled copies that are distributed to those various third party companies. We are only bidding say \$100,000 worth of work and a \$5,000 outlay is quite a burden.

RESPONSE:

As stated in Section 7 of the Non-Disclosure Agreement for Release of Security Sensitive Information for Bidding Purposes (NDA for Bidding Purposes), you shall not disclose Security Sensitive Information (SSI) to any third party intending to submit a bid quote/proposal for this Project, unless such third party has first executed a NDA for Bidding Purposes with the District and the District has approved access to SSI by the third party. Section 7 also requires that you must obtain written confirmation from the Office of the District Engineer that these requirements have been satisfied before disclosing SSI to any third party.

Exhibits C and D are logs of the names of all prospective subcontractors, consultants or suppliers for whom you have obtained a written confirmation from the Office of the District Engineer of having been approved to access SSI by the District and to whom you will provide copies of documents containing SSI.

As stated in the Notice to Contractor, any company (e.g., prime contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or consultant) that require access to the Contract Documents must sign and complete their own NDA for Bidding Purposes, provide a \$5,000 deposit and receive notification from the District that they have been approved to access the Contract Documents.

BID QUESTION No. 20:

Please advise if our AISC certification for Standard Steel Building Structures, Simple Bridge Fabrication and Sophisticated Paint will be acceptable for this type of fabrication.

RESPONSE:

AISC certification for Certified Bridge Fabricator – Simple (SBR) is not acceptable as meeting the requirement for fabricators of structural steel to be previously certified under the AISC Certification Program for Category Major Steel Bridges (Cbr) as required by Special Provisions Section 55-1.01D(2). Fabricators of structural steel for this Contract must be certified as Certified Bridge Fabricator – Intermediate (IBR) or as Certified Bridge Fabricator – Advanced (ABR). An Addendum will be issued to revise Section 55-1.01D(2) to reflect the changes in the AISC certification program.

BID QUESTION No. 21:

We are the surety broker for a bidder on this project. We understand access to bid documents, plans, etc. requires a non-disclosure agreement. However, is the person signing the bid bond, who has no access to plans and bid documents, just signing the bid bond, required to submit to the non-disclosure process?

RESPONSE:

A surety broker who wishes to sign the bid bond without reviewing the Contract Documents and does not want access to the Contract Documents is not required to execute a Non-Disclosure Agreement for Release of Security Sensitive Information for Bidding Purposes (NDA for Bidding Purposes). However, the Contract Documents provide the detailed bond and insurance requirements for the Project and the District strongly recommends that you review the Contract Documents before signing the bid bond.

As stated in the District's response to Bidders' Question 8, in order to fully understand the scope and risks associated with this Project, all the Contract Documents, including the Special Provisions, Contract Plans, Proposal, Proposal Forms and draft Contract, should be reviewed. In order to obtain access to the Contract Documents, a company, including insurance and surety brokers, must sign a NDA for Bidding Purposes, provide a \$5,000 security deposit and receive notification from the District that they have been approved to access the Contract Documents.

BID QUESTION No. 22:

Please inform how to access the as-built drawings of the existing Golden Gate Bridge.

RESPONSE:

Prospective bidders who have been approved to access Security Sensitive Information may make an appointment to review the Supplemental Project Information, including the available record drawings of the Golden Gate Bridge, at the District's offices. Appointment requests to review the Supplemental Project Information may be made by email at bidquestions@goldengate.org. Appointments must be scheduled 7 days in advance of the proposed viewing.

BID QUESTION No. 23:

Only one month and a few days from the Pre-bid meeting to the bid due date is too short, considering with the Christmas Holidays. Please consider to postpone the bid due date at least one month.

RESPONSE:

Addendum No. 1 will be issued postponing the bid opening date from January 12, 2016 to March 8, 2016.

BID QUESTION No. 24:

We are requesting a four week bid extension for the following reasons:

The Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System is a complex and unique steel package which requires extensive and time consuming efforts not only to develop a bid price, but to engineer both the unique fabrication processes and the challenging field erection methods.

The complexity, difficulty and financial burden to receive the bid documents will deter subcontractors and suppliers from receiving documents and bidding on the project in a timely manner.

The holiday period is a hindering factor for subcontractors, suppliers and our firm to prepare bids.

In closing, we need some indication the project bid date will be extended. We truly wish to submit a bid and trust in your understanding of our request and await a favorable reply.

RESPONSE:

See the District's response to Bidders' Question No. 23.

BID QUESTION No. 25:

We are under the impression the Pre-Bid Meeting is mainly for the General Contractors, who will be the actual "Bidders" to the GGBHTD, and is not mandatory for vendors, such as ourselves, who will subcontract to the GCs.

Can you please confirm our understanding is correct?

RESPONSE:

Your understanding is correct. The pre-bid meeting is not mandatory for subcontractors but the District encourages them to attend.

In accordance with Special Provisions Section 2-1.30B, "Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting," a representative of a Bidder, which means a prospective prime contractor, must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting. The representative must be a company officer, project superintendent or project estimator. For a joint venture, one of the parties must attend the meeting. The District will not accept a bid from a Bidder who did not attend the pre-bid meeting.

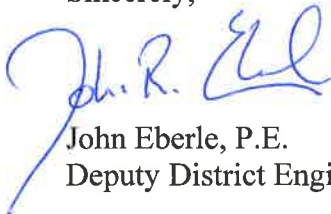
BID QUESTION No. 26:

On DWG No. C010, the Detail titled "Marin Approach – Closure Plan for Work in GGB Lanes 1, 2 And 3," states in a note "See Lane Closure South of Waldo Tunnel for GGB Lanes 1, 2, and 3 Closures on the Bridge, DWG C011." However, the detail on DWG C011 is titled "Lane Closure North Abutment for Work in GGB Lanes 1, 2, and 3." Please provide the detail for "Lane Closure South of Waldo Tunnel for GGB Lanes 1, 2, and 3 Closures on the Bridge."

RESPONSE:

Revised Contract Drawings C010 and C011 will be issued in an Addendum.

Sincerely,



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